



FRIDAY FLYER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week it has been here in school! One of the absolute highlights was the visit from the wonderful children's poet A. F. Harrold. His energy, humour, and imagination captured the hearts of pupils and staff alike, inspiring our budding writers to play with language, explore new ideas, and see poetry as something vibrant, fun, and full of possibility. It was truly a magical experience that will stay with the children for a long time.

As if that weren't enough, the week ended on an equally high note with last night's school disco. The hall was buzzing with music, laughter, dance moves, and the brilliant sense of community that makes this school such a special place to be. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped make the evening such a success.

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the half-term break. It seems only yesterday that I was welcoming everyone back at the start of the Spring Term in January. The weeks have flown by, filled with learning, teamwork, resilience, and plenty of smiles. I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved so far this term.

On behalf of everyone here at school, may I wish all our families a peaceful, restful, and well-deserved half-term break. We hope the week brings you time to relax, recharge, and enjoy moments together. We look forward to welcoming the children back soon for another exciting half of the Spring Term. Have a wonderful break!

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A WONDERFUL VISIT FROM A.F. HARROLD

This week, our school was lucky enough to welcome the brilliant A.F. Harrold—a poet, performer, and much-loved children's author whose work has delighted young readers for years.



Who Is A.F. Harrold?

A.F. Harrold is an English poet and children's author, known for his humorous, imaginative, and often wonderfully eccentric writing. He has written poetry collections, children's novels, creating books such as *The Imaginary*, *Fizzlebert Stump*, and *Things You Find in a Poet's Beard*.

A Day of Creativity and Laughter

Our special day with A.F. Harrold began with a KS2 poetry workshop in the morning, where he captivated the children with his energetic storytelling and playful use of words. The room was filled with laughter as he shared the magic of poetry in a way that made every pupil feel included and inspired.



In the afternoon, our KS1 pupils enjoyed their own workshop. Despite being younger, they were just as engaged—A.F. Harrold has a brilliant ability to connect with children of all ages, sparking imagination through humour, expression, and sheer enthusiasm.

A Signed Book for Every Child



As if the workshops weren't exciting enough, A.F. Harrold then visited every single class in the school. He personally handed each child a signed copy of his latest poetry book. It's not every day that children receive a book signed by the author themselves!

An Unforgettable Experience

A.F. Harrold's visit was nothing short of amazing. His talent, humour, and passion for writing had our children in stitches while also teaching them that poetry can be playful, surprising, and full of joy. It was a truly memorable day—one that our pupils (and staff!) will be talking about for a long time to come.



We are incredibly grateful for the inspiration he shared and the spark of creativity he left behind. What an amazing day indeed!

WE NEED A PARENT GOVERNOR — COULD IT BE YOU?

Today, a very important letter went home in school bags. Inside, you'll find details about an exciting opportunity: we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body.

Now, before you picture long, dreary meetings and endless paperwork, let's set the record straight — being a Parent Governor is one of the most rewarding, impactful, and surprisingly enjoyable roles you can take on within our school community.

What Does a Parent Governor Actually Do?

Parent Governors play a crucial part in shaping the future of our school. They:

- Bring the *parent voice* into discussions and decisions
- Help shape school policies and priorities
- Work with the headteacher and staff to ensure we're always striving for the best
- Help make sure every child — including yours — has the best possible experience

You don't need specialist knowledge. You don't need to be an expert in education.

You just need to be a parent who cares about our school — and that already makes you qualified.

Why YOU Might Be Perfect for the Role

- Do you have ideas about how we can improve the school?
- Do you want to help ensure all children thrive?
- Do you enjoy being part of something meaningful?
- Do you want your voice — and the voice of other parents — to be heard in key decisions?

If you answered *yes* to any of the above, then you are exactly who we're looking for!

What's in It for You?

Being a Parent Governor offers:

- A chance to make a real difference
- New skills and experience (great for personal or professional growth)
- Insight into how the school runs
- The satisfaction of knowing your contribution matters
- Opportunities to work with a dedicated, friendly team

Plus... it's genuinely interesting! Schools are dynamic, inspiring places — and helping steer their direction is something to be proud of.

Ready to Apply?

The letter that went home today includes everything you need to know about how to apply. Please take a moment to look through it — even if you're just a little curious.

Our Governing Body works best when we have enthusiastic, thoughtful parents taking part. Your perspective is valuable. Your voice is needed. And your contribution could help shape the future of our school.

So go on... consider putting your name forward!

We'd absolutely love to have you involved.

If you have any questions after reading the letter, feel free to get in touch — we're always happy to chat.

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FOR THE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP!



Midhurst CofE Primary School

Parent & Toddler Group

Fridays 2:00-3:25
Run by our qualified ELSA

Ask for support, ask questions, connect, have fun



All parents and carers welcome!

We are excited to invite all parents and carers to join our new Parent & Toddler Group, held every Friday from 2PM to 3:25PM in the school's quad. This welcoming group is hosted by our qualified ELSA, Mrs. Mullen, and offers a fantastic opportunity for families to connect and have fun.

Each session will feature a variety of engaging activities designed for both parents and toddlers to enjoy together. It's also a great chance to ask questions, gain advice, and share experiences in a supportive, friendly environment.

Whether you're looking for advice on parenting, new ways to engage with your little one, or simply want to meet other parents, this group is here for you. Come join the fun and be part of a wonderful community!

We look forward to seeing you there!

A NIGHT OF LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND SPARKLES: OUR PTA'S WONDERFUL LOVE & KINDNESS DISCO



Yesterday evening, our school was transformed into a joyful celebration of colour, music, and community spirit at the annual Love and Kindness Disco—beautifully organised by our absolutely amazing PTA.

The hall glittered with twinkling lights, upbeat music filled the air, and excited chatter echoed as children danced, laughed, and shared the warmth of friendship. Fun stations, treats, and little thoughtful touches made the whole event feel magical—every detail a testament to the PTA's hard work, creativity, and dedication.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to our PTA for crafting such a wonderful evening. Events like these don't just happen; they take hours of planning, teamwork, and care. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do to bring our school community together and create joyful moments for our children.

Of course, no Love and Kindness Disco would be complete without a certain special guest making his legendary appearance on the dance floor...

Yes—Mr Jones once again delighted everyone with his now-iconic tutu!

WE'D LOVE TO INVITE ALL OUR FAMILIES TO THE LIVE WELL MIDHURST HEALTH & WELLBEING FAIR!

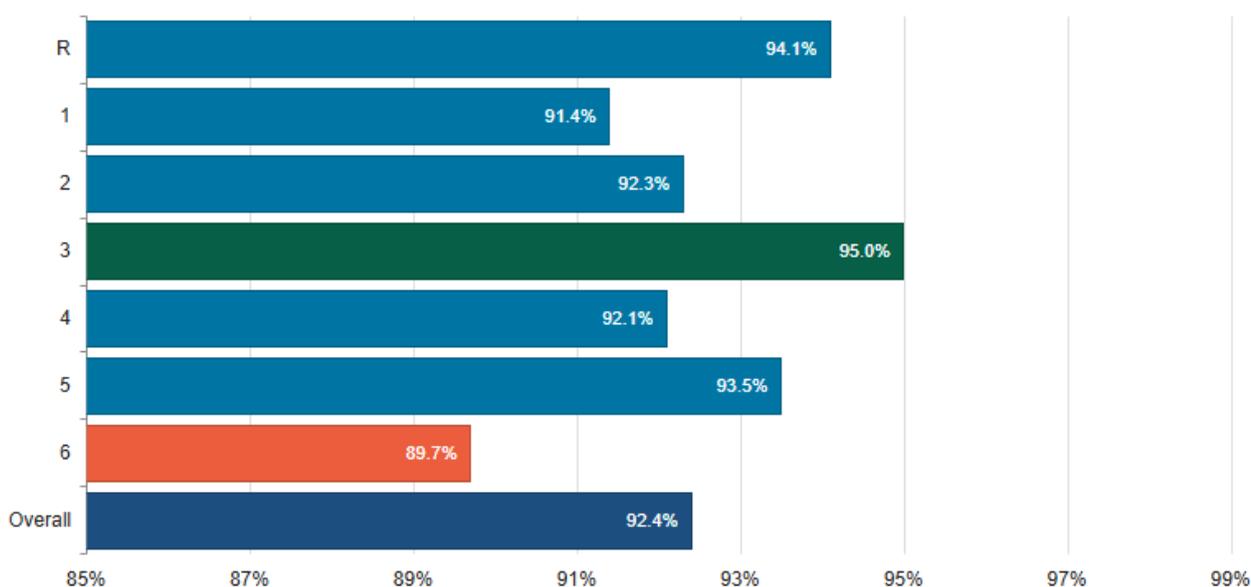
On Friday 20 February 2026, from 10am–12pm, The Grange Leisure Centre will be hosting a free community event packed with helpful advice, fun activities, and practical support for living a healthier lifestyle.

There will be opportunities to learn about stopping smoking, becoming more active, managing weight, preventing falls, and getting blood pressure checks – plus much more. Families can also enjoy free smoothies, children’s activities, and taster exercise sessions, making it a great morning out for everyone.

This is a fantastic chance to explore local wellbeing services, pick up tips, and discover small changes that can make a big difference.

We hope to see you there!

ATTENDANCE



Our attendance this week was 92.4% This is 2.6% below our target of 95%.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Maple Class, our attendance champions this week with 95% attendance!

LIVE WELL MIDHURST
Health & Wellbeing fair

FIND OUT ABOUT STAYING HEALTHY AND WELL

- Friday 20 February 2026
- 10am - 12pm
- The Grange Leisure Centre GU29 9HD

FREE SMOOTHIES, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, TASTER EXERCISE SESSIONS

chichester wellbeing

STOP SMOKING
LOSE WEIGHT
BECOME MORE ACTIVE
FALLS PREVENTION
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
AND MORE...

FREE EVENT

DIARY DATES

Date	Event/Activity	Details
16 th – 20 th February	Half Term	School Closed
Monday 23 rd February	Oak & Pine class – PE today	Please come in kit
Tuesday 24 th February	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 25 th February	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today Hedgehog visit - Acorn, Birch, Hazel & Maple classes Vicar's Award Forest School	Please come in kit By invite only
Thursday 26 th February	Maple & Beech class – PE today Swimming – Hazel Class Oak Class visiting Pendean nursing home	Please come in kit Please bring swimming kit (last one)
Friday 27 th February	Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 2 Little woods – Acorns Grp 1 Cross Country @ MRC	Please come in kit Please bring kit Please come in kit Your child will receive a letter if they are involved
Monday 2 nd March	Oak & Pine class – PE today Pine Class to Portsmouth Historical Dockyard	Please come in kit See letter already sent
Tuesday 3 rd March	Acorn, Birch & Hazel class – PE today CM Sports football club	Please come in kit 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Maple, Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in kit
Thursday 5 th March	Maple & Beech class – PE today World Book Day M&M Theatre in school	Please come in kit
Friday 6 th March	PTA Rainbow Raffle and second-hand book sale. Acorns & Birch Class Forest School Hazel Class Grp 2 Little woods – Acorns Grp 1 Cross Country club	Please come in kit Please bring kit 3.30 - 4.15pm



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FREE STREET DANCE CLASSES
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
THE GRANGE, MIDHURST

10.40-11.00 am 5-8 yrs
11.10-11.30 9-11

MIDHURST@STREETNATION.CO.UK

The menu is set against a pink background with a white curved banner. It features several colorful Easter eggs: a yellow one at the top left, a white one below it, a light brown one at the top right, a dark purple one to its right, a light purple one on the left side, and a pink one at the bottom right. A white rabbit is positioned above the word 'EASTER'.

EASTER TREATS

Thursday 26th March 2026

MAINS

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

BBQ Chicken & Rice

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES

Peas or

Seasonal Salad

DESSERT

Easter Cookie

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than

Thursday 12th March 2026



Please Note: Special diet meals will remain in place.

**FREE
HALF-TERM ACTIVITY**



CIRCUS

Workshop

with Nick Cook



**TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026
10am to 12noon**

At The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst GU29 9DQ



MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL



HOPP COACHING

Free Tennis Taster

February Half Term 2026

Monday 16th February – Rogate Tennis Club

Tuesday 17th February – Milland Tennis Club

Wednesday 18th February – Graffham Tennis Club

Come along have a go at tennis with
Club Coach Richard Hopp!

Free fun taster sessions for YrR – Yr6

****A great introduction to tennis****

****Fun games****



Age	Time	Price
YrR – Yr2	09.30 – 10.10am	Free
Yr3 – Yr4	10.10 – 10.50am	Free
Yr5 – Yr6	10.50 – 11.30am	Free

After school tennis coaching running from March:

Tuesdays - Milland
Wednesdays - Graffham
Thursdays - Rogate

for more information or to book, please get in touch

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SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH

11AM - 2PM

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Junior 3k & 5k



10th May 2026

Enter online at www.midhurstmilers.org



10K , 20k
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Perfect Motion
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Get involved in Midhurst This Week!

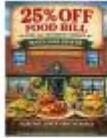


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All Details Now on visitmidhurst.com/whats-on



New Menu @
The Swan



The Greyhound
this February



Book now for
Midhurst Jazz Festival
Valentines 14th Feb.
6:30pm @ Kamaellis.



Valentine Menus
Out now around
the town.
Book quickly.

Things to enjoy in town this week:

... On Wednesday 11th February..

- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night @ Midhurst Club

...On Thursday 12th February..

...On Friday 13th February...

- French Style Mini Market 9-2pm @ Midhurst Bakery
- Fish and Chip Friday £7.99 @ The Grange
- Stedham Movies: Black Bag @ Stedham Village Hall
- Anna Foye Plays @ The Wheatsheaf 8:30pm

...On Saturday 14th February...

- French Style Mini Market 9-2pm @ Midhurst Bakery
- Midhurst Rugby Club Home Game @ The pavilion
- Free Duke Box all Night @ The Wheatsheaf
- 6 Nations Rugby: Ire vs ITA 2-4pm, Scot vs Eng 4:40 - 7pm
- Valentines Jazz @ Kamaellis 6:30-11pm

...On Sunday 15th February...

- Toy & Train Fair 9:30 - 1pm @ The Grange
- Free Pool all day Sundays @ The Wheatsheaf
- Sunday Roast 12:30 - 3:30 @ The Swan
- Sunday Roast 12 - 8pm @ The Royal Oak
- Sunday Roast 12 - 4pm @ The Bricks
- Sunday Roast 12 - 5pm @ The Greyhound

... On Monday 16th February...

- Red Tooth Poker Night @ The Bricks

... On Tuesday 17th February...

- Circus Workshop (Age 4+) 10-12 noon @ Old Library
- 'Travelling Tales' (Age 4+) 2-3pm @ Midhurst Library
- U3A Public Talk: 'A is for Arsenic' @ Methodist Hall
- Pub Quiz @ The Greyhound 8pm

... On Wednesday 18th February...

- Wellbeing Walk 9:30 - 11am QE Country Park
- Wellbeing Walk 11am QE Country Park to Buster hill
- Steak & wine night from 5pm @ The Greyhound
- Poker Night @ Midhurst Club

Coming up Soon...



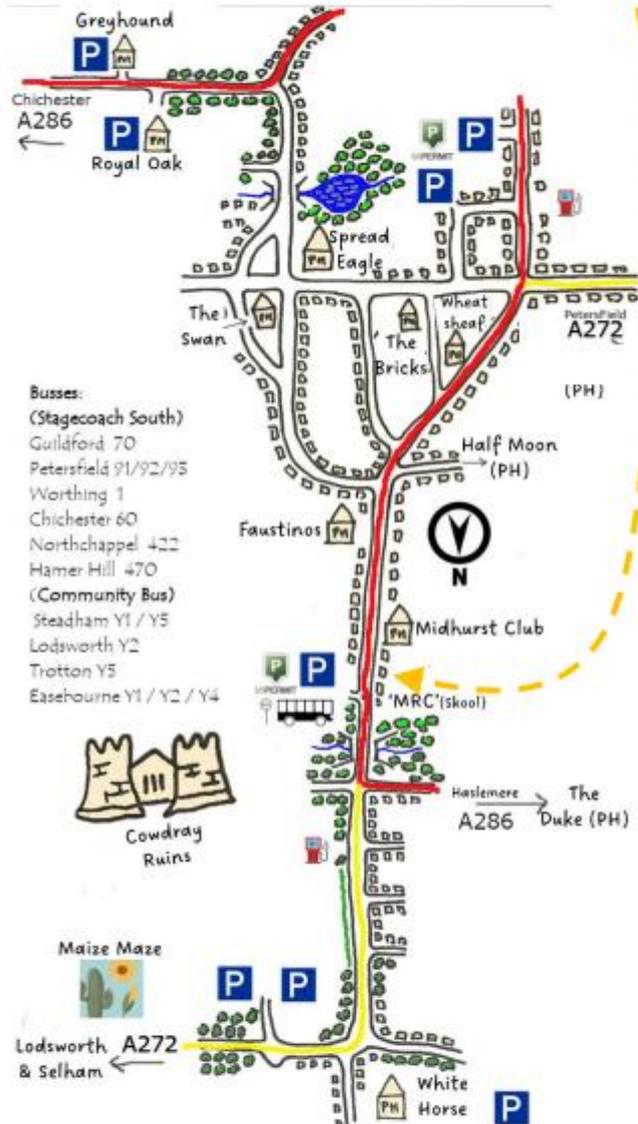
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for a full list of upcoming events in and around the Town incl. The Pubs, The Grange, Stedham, Weald & Downland, Cowdray, Goodwood, The Leconfield, Local Clubs & Societies, National trust & Others

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18TH
FEBRUARY

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ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Climbing
- Low Ropes
- We Cycle Too Bikes
- Sno-tubing
- Orienteering
- Nature Trail
- Arts and crafts
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- Woodland Crafts with Forest Knights



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Midhurst & Easebourne FC, Dodsley Grove, GU29 9BE

Matches : Sundays, Kick off TBC

Boys & Girls under 7 – Need to be 6 by 28 Feb 2026

All abilities welcome

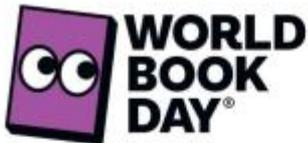


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Henry Adams is delighted to announce their

Transport Inspired by Books Competition

in celebration of World Book Day 2026.

Your challenge is to make **an item of transport** completely out of reclaimed materials and anything else you may have at home.



Please bring your entries back to your local Henry Adams office for a sweet treat or back to your school by:

Wednesday 4th March

Don't forget to **add your Name, Year Group and School on your entry.**

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful designs when we return to school for the prize giving assembly in March.

Prizes!

Examples of prizes: 3 per school



Please ask your parents/carers to share your designs on Facebook or Instagram and tag Henry Adams so we can share them too.



Thank you for taking part!



Nourishing Our Nation

COMMUNITY FOOD HUB SCHEDULE

MON	Midhurst 3:00 - 4:00pm (every other Monday) The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9HD
	Burgess Hill 10:30 - 11:30am (second Monday) The King's Church, Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR
TUES	Oving 10:00 - 11:00am (every other Tuesday) Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving, PO20 2DQ
	Selsey 2:00 - 3:00pm (every other Tuesday) Beacon Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey, PO20 0PD
WEDS	Bognor Regis 10:00 - 11:00am (first Wednesday) Youth and Community Centre, Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 5JZ
	Southwick 10:00 - 11:00am (second Wednesday) Southwick Community Centre, 24 Southwick Street, Brighton, BN42 4TE
	Crawley 10:30 - 11:30am (third Wednesday) Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley, RH11 9BA
	Storrington 10:00 - 11:00am (fourth Wednesday) Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, Storrington, RH20 4BG
	Parklands 3:00 - 4:00pm (every other Wednesday) 12th Chichester Scout Group, Sherborne Road, Chichester, PO19 3AB
THURS	Petworth 10:00 - 11:00am (every four weeks) Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst Road, Petworth, GU28 0ET
	Worthing 10:00 - 11:00am (every four weeks) Charmandean Centre, 1 Forest Road, Worthing, BN14 9HS
	Swanfield 2:00 - 3:00pm (every other Thursday) Swanfield Park Community Centre, Swanfield Drive, Chichester, PO19 6TH
	East Wittering 3:00 - 4:00pm (every other Thursday) United Reform Church, 2 Oakfield Avenue, East Wittering, PO20 8BU
FRI	Whyke 10:00 - 11:00am (every other Friday) St George's Centenary Centre, Cleveland Road, Chichester, PO19 7AD
	Haywards Heath 10:30 - 11:30am (every four weeks) The Ascension Church, 110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JS
	Graylingwell 3:30 - 4:30pm (every other Friday) Graylingwell Chapel, Graylingwell Drive, Chichester, PO19 6BZ

To find the date of your next Community Food Hub, please visit:

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Travelling Tales

Jump on board this half term to **row**, **ride**, and **fly** with us through stories about all the different ways we get around, plus some *wheelie*-fun crafts and activities!



Tuesday 17 February
2.00-3.00m

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



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